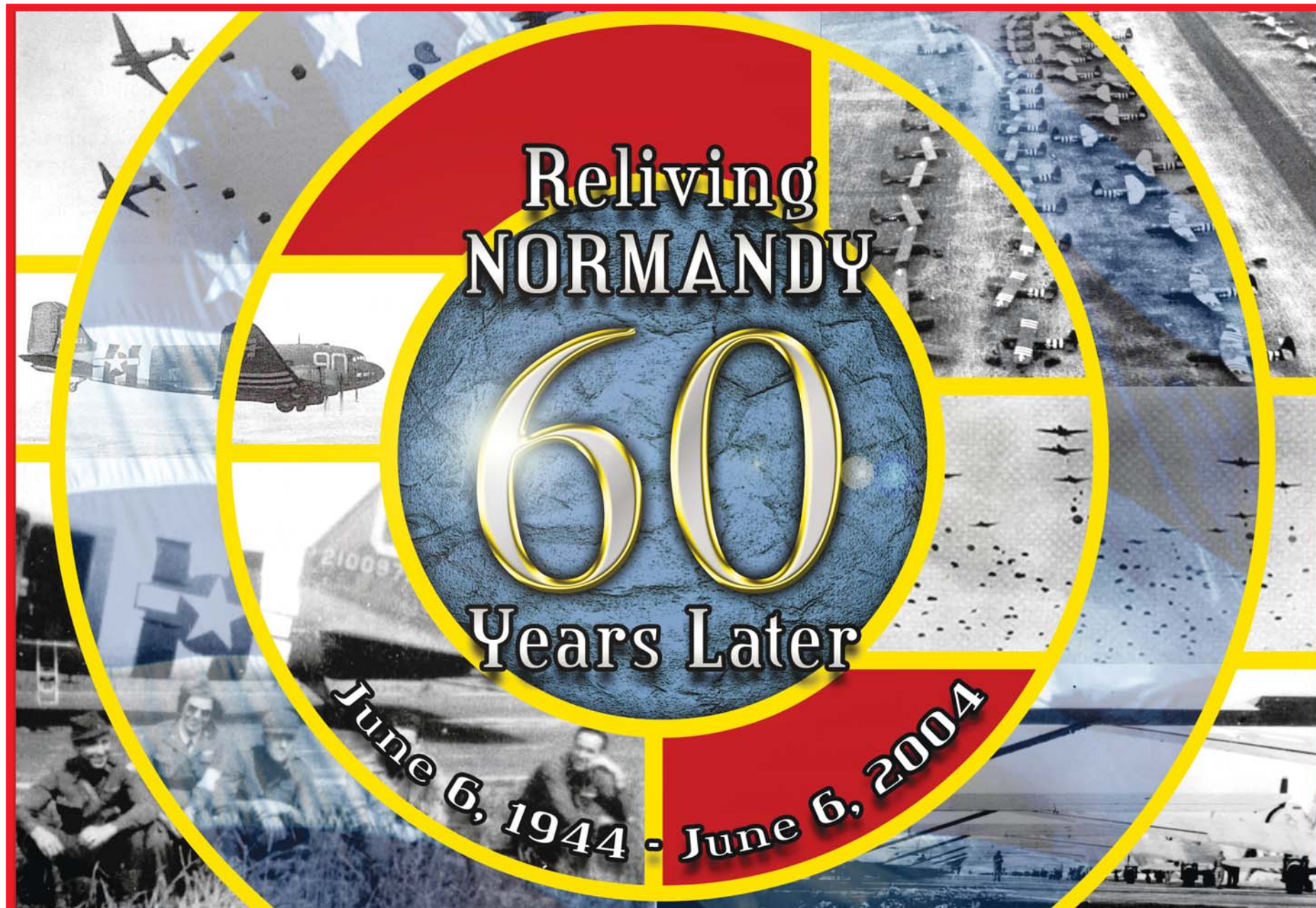


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Graphic by Sean Erbe

Sunday marks the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion at Normandy, France, and Charleston AFB C-17s are taking part in the commemorative airdrop there. The graphic depicts aircraft assigned to predecessor units of the 437th and 315th Airlift Wings. For more on the D-Day commemoration, see pages 3 & 6.

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MISSION POSSIBLE!

Charleston departures
Maintenance reliability
Cargo moved (tons)

7,311
94 %
32,473

Personnel deployed
Reservists activated
(Jan. 1 to June 1, 2004)

531
738

Team Charleston: One family, one mission, one fight!



Sharp troops

Please help me congratulate this month's Diamond Sharp award winners, selected by first sergeants for setting the standard for their fellow Airmen. The winners are: **Staff Sgt. David Thomas**, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Sheddric Simpson**, 437th Aerial Port Squadron; **Senior Airman Joseph Sparlin**, 437th Maintenance Squadron; and **Airman 1st Class David Peck**, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Keep up the good work!

Get fit

Join your friends and bring out the family for this morning's **Commander's Fun Run**, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Fitness and Sports Center. The spirit trophy is up for grabs again, and I look forward to recognizing the warrior spirit out there.

If you are looking for an exercise alternative, head to the **base pool** for adult lap swimming every weekday, 6 to 8 a.m. The pool is also designated for adult fitness hour 11 a.m. to noon daily for lap swimming, aerobics and other fitness classes. Recreational swimming is noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Also, there are two lanes available for lap swimming when the pool is open for recreational swimming.

If you prefer to watch while others work out, join me at 8 p.m. tonight at the **Charleston Battery** soccer game as they take on the Portland Timbers. As a show of community support for Armed Forces, the team has provided free tickets, available at the Public Affairs office.

Coming up

With the hurricane season upon us, we will have a **Natural Disaster Response Exercise** this Tuesday. Whether you are an Airman, civilian, or family member, you have a role in ensuring everyone comes through a natural disaster safely. Go through your hurricane checklists at work and at home to ensure you are ready and know what to do before a hurricane hits. If you do not have your checklist, you can get one at 437 CES Readiness, Bldg. 236, or by calling 963-5333.

We also welcome **Marine 1st Lt. Clebe McClary**, a veteran severely wounded in Vietnam, to tell his story of strength and determination at the base theater, 2 p.m. Thursday. If you have never heard him speak, come find out what you've been missing; if you have, I know you will want to hear him again to renew your motivation and love of our great country.

Also on Thursday, we will recognize the most recent **Airman Leadership School graduates**. Come out to the Charleston Club that evening to honor



Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

Frank Metzger, 437 AW Plans program analyst and retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. **Harold Isaacs** talk with Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, about the history of the 437th. Sergeant Isaacs served with the 437th Troop Carrier Group during World War II as a CG-4A glider crew chief and prepared the gliders for D-Day and other European operations. Visitors to the 437 AW headquarters building can see a replica of a CG-4A glider used in Operation Overlord, built by Mr. Metzger hanging in the foyer.

some of Team Charleston's youngest leaders.

Heritage

With a troop airdrop in France this week, we commemorate our heritage that includes involvement in the D-Day invasion 60 years ago, and I want to commend the history each of you is making today. As we continue to sustain operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world, we are setting a record pace; we are on track to have more departures and arrivals at Charleston AFB this year than in any previous year. You are claiming a place in history, and I am proud of the professionalism and dedication I see in Team Charleston.

Keep up the great work, and be safe out there!

Safety Emphasis Item

Back strains come from improper methods of lifting, pushing, carrying, bending and twisting. The bad fact about back strain is once you injure your back, it is easier to have repeat injuries. Supervisors can help their people prevent back injuries through training and education about the mechanics and limits of the back. Train to prevent injury, use good posture and make the job fit the worker.

Action Line caller addresses base car wash cleanliness

Q: I've been to the base car wash three or four times in the past couple months and it's

been out of soap each time. I've called the people who take care of it at the Auto Hobby Shop. They don't seem to take care of it. Most of the time it's dirty and the vacuum cleaner doesn't work.

A: Thank you for your concerns regarding the Services Skills Center. The Services Skills Center manager is working to correct the problems with the car wash. We've found that the soap we were using builds a residue that clogs the jet spray wands. To alleviate the problem, the wand lines need to be completely flushed with a bleach solution to remove the soap residue buildup. The Skills Center will be flushing the lines as soon as we get

the proper environmental clearances.

Regarding the cleanliness of the car wash and the vacuum cleaner, the car wash is checked on a frequent basis during weekdays, but not during weekends when it needs it the most.

As a result of your call, we are hiring a car wash attendant to work weekends. This will ensure the car wash is kept clean and all equipment operational during the peak use period.

The Skills Center management apologizes for any inconvenience you experienced, and hopes you continue to use the car wash. Again, thank you for your call.

- Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander

The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston AFB a better place to live, work and play.

First, give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at **963-5581**, or send an e-mail to action@charleston.af.mil.

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.

Commander stresses unit pride

Displaying pride is a way to keep morale high and mission focus sharp

By **Lt. Col. Steve Shope**
15th Airlift Squadron commander

Today, I have the honor of participating in the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Allied Expeditionary Force invasion of Normandy, France. The 14th and 15th Troop Carrier Squadrons and the 315th Troop Carrier Group played leading roles in the D-Day airdrop of the 82nd Airborne Division in 1944. These troop carrier units were the predecessors of our own 14th and 15th Airlift Squadrons and the 315th Operations Group of the 315th Airlift Wing.

We're proud of our heritage and will celebrate it tomorrow with a commemorative airdrop over Normandy.

In that light, and with some recent negative publicity overshadowing the good we're doing in Iraq and Afghanistan, I can't think of a more appropriate time to write about unit pride. I believe unit pride is inexorably linked to mission focus, and most importantly, to our ultimate goal—freedom, for America and people of the world.

Have you ever heard anyone refer to his unit incorrectly? For example, what does the "A" in 437 AW stand for? Hopefully, "airlift" comes to mind, not simply "air." Air wings are Navy units. Airlift is a critical component of the Global Reach the United States Air Force provides for America—be proud of your airlift wing mission and your indispensable role in it.

When someone refers to his own unit incorrectly, it reflects an erosion of unit pride, and potential loss or blurring of mission focus. It's amazing how much it can impact morale, unit pride and mission focus. I would go as far as saying unit pride is one of our obligations, if not duties, requiring knowledge of unit history and purpose. So how does this tie in to the D-Day invasion in 1944?

Just prior to the invasion, each soldier received a large American flag patch to sew on his right shoulder. One reason was to ensure the French people recognized these were Americans parachuting into their country-side. It was important that everyone knew the Army of the United States of America was on the scene to stay. That tradition continues today.

Nearly every U.S. soldier in Afghanistan and Iraq wears our flag on his right shoulder, in its boldest red, white and blue. It isn't camouflaged to match the sand-colored uniforms. Check it out next time you see a television news program. We in the Air Mobility Command display the flag on the tails of our aircraft, wear it proudly on the left shoulders of our flight suits, and on some BDUs and DCUs. Did you know AFI 36-2903 specifically prohibits wearing subdued flag patches? Not everyone does, and some people mistakenly wear them.

The U.S. military is arguably the part of the United States most visible to other people of the world. What message do we send them if we don't display our own flag, the brightest symbol of our freedoms, in its true colors and

in all its glory? The flag represents the most powerful and just nation the world has ever known, and it's hard to understand why someone would diminish the most recognizable symbol of our nation and all it stands for by subduing its colors.

Lately, a few military members have failed us all as Americans by their bad behavior. They displayed an astonishing lack of pride in their individual units, the United States and its principles. Despite the negative media coverage, we are making a difference to the world, and each and every one of you is an invaluable member of the leading team in the effort -- the U.S. military.

So I'm asking for your help. I know you all believe we're the best at what we do, and our cause, as a cohesive unit, the United States of America, is noble and just. You're right. So, the next time you see unit pride slipping, whether regarding our flag or your individual military unit, take the steps,

however big or small, to correct it on the spot. I know from first-hand experience that the person you help regain that pride will understand, greatly appreciate it, and willingly join you in your efforts.

Having unit pride is a way for us to keep our morale high and our mission focus. It's also a way to communicate to the rest of the world that the actions of a few bad actors don't represent us, nor will they diminish the greater good we're pursuing in the ongoing Global War against Terrorism. Godspeed to you all.

worth repeating

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Lt. Col. Steve Shope
15th Airlift Squadron commander

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D-Day: CAFB plays role in remembrance

By 2nd Lt. Kristen Miller
437 AW Public Affairs

Members of the 437th Airlift Wing and 315th Airlift Wing will commemorate the Normandy invasion Saturday, airdropping about 90 Soldiers at a drop zone in Normandy, France.

These Soldiers will parachute in, just as they did in 1944, only this time, they will not be met by enemy fire.

This event, which some say may be the last major commemorative event held to honor the veterans of this invasion, will involve a total of 16 aircraft and about 700 Army paratroopers.

"There will be nine C-130s, three MC-130s, two of McChord AFB's C-17s and two of our C-17s," said Lt. Col. Steve Dellies, 437 AW, chief of standardization and evaluation. "We'll have about 45 jumpers in each C-17."

The 437 AW will play an important part in this commemorative event, but its role 60 years ago was far more significant.

Predecessor to the 437th Operations Group, the 437th Troop Carrier Group originally activated on May 1, 1943. The 437 TCG began training C-47 Skytrain and CG-4A Hadrian glider pilots for combat duty soon after activation, according to Tech. Sgt.

Nancy Huber, 437 AW historian, .

During the Normandy invasion, the 437 TCG successfully delivered their gliders and thousands of paratroopers into the combat zone. These accomplishments earned the group the Distinguished Unit Citation, France, June 6-7, 1944.

Four D-Day veterans are flying on board one of Team Charleston's C-17s for this commemorative airdrop; two C-47 pilots, a C-47 co-pilot and an aircraft mechanic. Three of them were members of the 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, 61st Troop Carrier Group, which is now Charleston AFB's 15th Airlift Squadron. The other veteran was a part of the 315th Troop Carrier Group, predecessor of the 315th Operations Group.

While all of Charleston AFB's airlift squadrons can trace their history back to WW II, the 14th and 15th airlift squadrons were directly involved in the Normandy invasion.

"The 15 AS is extremely proud of our heritage and these veterans helped lay our squadron's foundation," said Capt. Rich Van Slyke, 15 AS executive officer. "We feel very strongly about showing our veterans how much we appreciate their selfless service to our country during World War II and having them be a part of the 60th D-Day Commemoration will express,

in volumes, how we feel."

One of these veterans was the pilot of the 13th C-47 in the original airdrop, Colonel Dellies said. As a part of the commemorative airdrop, this veteran will be aboard the 13th plane again, this time a Charleston C-17.

"The 14th Troop Carrier Squadron was there for the Allied retaking of the Continent on D-Day and we are truly humbled and privileged to fly with some of the original WWII veterans and to participate in the commemoration of this phenomenal event," said Lt. Col. A.J. McMillan, 14 AS commander.

This airdrop, one of several commemorative events taking place in Normandy, has been in the works for nearly a year.

"We started planning last June," said Army Capt. Robert Risdon, 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment operations officer at Fort Benning, Ga., and one of the jumpers in the commemorative event. "We were fortunate we started early. Getting the aircraft was the biggest issue of all. Initially we didn't know how many aircraft would be available because of real-world requirements outweighing anything going to Normandy."

With all the planning, Captain Risdon said there hasn't been a lot of

time for reflection on the importance of this event.

"You're so involved with the planning that sometimes you don't get to stop and think about what you're going to do," Captain Risdon said. "We're getting to jump into the exact same drop zone as other soldiers did 60 years ago when we started to push the Nazis out of Europe. This is huge—it's unbelievable."

Combat airdrops continue to be a vital military strategy.

On March 26, 2003, Colonel Dellies participated in the first-ever C-17 airdrop of troops into a combat zone in Northern Iraq.

"After doing that drop in Iraq, I can remember everything like it happened yesterday," Colonel Dellies said. "What I want to know is do these veterans have a vision that clear, 60 years later?"

The 60th anniversary of D-Day involves numerous commemorative events, including a wreath-laying ceremony at a C-47 crash site in Picaudville, France. During this ceremony, the four veterans will lay a wreath at the site in honor of those who flew the C-47.

"This whole event really isn't for us," said Colonel Dellies. "It's for the veterans who fought here 60 years ago."

Excessive speeds, lack of licenses lead to legal woes

The following are some of the responses by 437th Security Forces Squadron from May 24 through Sunday and are printed to raise awareness of resource protection and safety. Anyone with information regarding these, or any other incidents, call security forces at 963-3600.

Vehicle accidents

- An Airman attempting to turn

left from Midland Park Road onto Arthur Extension hit another car driving towards the Rivers Gate on Arthur Drive Extension. The driver was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

- An Airman damaged a government vehicle when he backed into a light pole at an off-base service station. The driver was cited for inattentive backing.

- A family member struck a star

barrier when exiting the outbound lane of Rivers Gate.

Traffic

- Security forces cited 18 drivers for speeding, three for failure to stop at a posted stop sign or traffic light, and one for an inoperative brake light.

- Security forces stopped an Airman for failure to stop at posted stop sign, and the driver did not have her license with her. A license check revealed the driver's license was suspended, and the driver's base driving privileges were also suspended.

- Security forces stopped a civilian driver attempting to enter the base without a license. A license check revealed the driver's license was suspended. Charleston County Sheriff's office responded, and further investigation revealed the driver and a passenger in his car had open containers. CCSO issued the driver a \$648 summons for Driving Under Suspension, a \$120 fine for having an

open container and scheduled a court date. The passenger was fined \$120 for minor in possession and \$120 for having an open container and scheduled for a court date.

- Security forces stopped a civilian driver attempting to enter the base without a license. CCSO responded and issued a \$232 summons for Driving Without a License and scheduled a court date.

Crime watch

- An Airman reported all four tires on his vehicle were slashed at the 437th Services Squadron resale lot.

- A family member reported her purse containing a wallet, debit cards, checkbooks and about \$40 cash were stolen from her car at the Fitness and Sports Center parking lot. She reported that her DVD player screen was also damaged.

- A base housing resident reported that her back porch screen had been cut.

DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 2 days

2004 total: 9

2003 total: 18

Members receiving a Driving Under the Influence or must report to the wing commander the following duty day in full service dress accompanied by their supervisor, first sergeant and squadron commander.

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Inspired

Marine's POW/MIA bracelet serves 19 years in Air Force

By 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern
437 AW Public Affairs

"Prisoner of war" and "missing in action" are terms Americans are all too familiar with.

POW and MIA bracelets have been sold for more than 40 years so Americans may remember the price others paid for our freedom and never take it for granted.

For many Americans, wearing bracelets to remember POWs or MIAs helps preserve the memories of past conflicts. For one Charleston AFB Airman, a career culminated with a surprising discovery linking him to the family of the Marine whose name he wore on his wrist for nearly 20 years.

"I was stationed at Soesterberg AB Netherlands in 1984, and I saw a vendor selling bracelets," said (Ret.) Master Sgt. Ronald Herman, 437th Operations Support Squadron intelligence superintendent. "I bought a red POW and MIA aluminum bracelet with the name of a Marine from S.C. because my dad was a retired Marine and we were from here. The name on the bracelet was Lt. James Villeponteaux, USMC May 11, 1966, South Vietnam."

As time lapsed the bracelet became an integral part of Sergeant Herman's daily wear in or out of his uniform.

"The bracelet represents integrity, sacrifice and remembrance," said Sergeant Herman.

Later in his career when things were tough, he would look at the bracelet and contemplate his fate. It really started to mean something personally when he attended Combat Survival School and heard stories from survivors and went through the same training they had. Anything he was experiencing paled in comparison.

When Sergeant Herman decided to retire, he began a search for the family of the Maine on his bracelet.

He was able to locate the family, and was surprised to learn the son of Lt. Villeponteaux was the assistant principal at his daughter's school. Sergeant Herman invited member's of Lt. Villeponteaux's family to attend his retirement ceremony.

During the ceremony Sergeant Herman took the podium and spoke on leadership traits and experiences and ended with finding something to believe in and to show honor.

At the conclusion he removed the Meritorious Service Medal which he had received and the bracelet he had worn throughout his Air Force career and presented them to the wife of the man on the bracelet.

"I then rendered her a crisp military salute as I thanked her for the sacrifice of her family and especially of her husband," said Sergeant Herman.

Sergeant Herman returned to the podium and concluded his speech as he took out a spare brace-

let he bought years ago. He removed it from the wrapper and placed it on his wrist and offered to some day ride his motorcycle to Washington D.C. on Memorial Day to place it on the Vietnam Wall next to Lt. Villenponteaux's name.

Sergeant Herman chose the bracelet as a way of honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, so people can have the "freedom to choose to serve their country, to attend a church of their choice, to live without fear of physical oppression and hardships," he said.

"There is a reason more people aspire to immigrate to the United States than to any other country in the world; and I believe we take these things for granted as Americans," said Sergeant Herman.

"No matter what it is — the flag, the service, a bracelet, a memento from the past or a solemn prayer given nightly — I challenge Airmen to find something to embrace...to give them strength to show respect for those who have gone before us. Never forgetting our past will ensure the same failures are not repeated."

30 Years of Service

Local electrician keeps Department of Defense bright

By 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern
437 AW Public Affairs

A 437th Civil Engineer Squadron electrician earned recognition after working three decades for the Department of Defense.

David Foster works on maintaining and repairing electrical wiring and fixtures on internal and external base housing units. He also repairs and replaces refrigerators, ranges and dishwashers.

The Mount Pleasant native began his DoD career by enlisting in the Coast Guard in 1971 as an electrician.

After being honorably discharged in 1975, Mr. Foster worked on the Yorktown Carrier at Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant, ensuring it was ready and electronically safe for tourists.

A few years later, he began working for the DoD at the Charleston Naval Shipyard on surface ships and submarines while working on a variety of systems from fire control and weapons to control units and circuit cards.

"The most interesting aspect of working on a submarine was feeling the enormous power within its hull," said Mr. Foster. "It is truly an awesome machine."

Mr. Foster came to work as an electrician at Charleston AFB in housing maintenance in 1996.



Photo by 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern

David Foster, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron electrician, replaces a light switch cover. In recognition of his service with the DoD, Mr. Foster recently received a 30 year service pin.

"Mr. Foster is now, and has always been, a very responsible and hard worker," said Mr. Ronald Cooper, 437 CES housing maintenance supervisor. "He has always been a person who is willing to help his fellow workers and maintain a positive attitude. It is truly a pleasure working with a person of such caliber."

Over the last 30 years many things have changed, said Mr. Foster.

"I have seen when you could, with pocket change, buy a couple gallons of gas," said Mr. Foster. "I remember having to get up off the sofa to change television stations, and you could only choose from three. I also used a typewriter to write a formal letter and looked up information in an encyclopedia instead of the Internet. There was such a thing as the AM radio (I still have a small transistor AM radio) and record albums. Many things have changed in 30 years."

"I really have no single special memorable moment in my 30 years of service," said Mr. Foster. "Every job was different in its own way. Receiving my 30-year pin will hold a special place in my heart."

Mr. Foster plans to retire in 2010 to Mount Pleasant with his wife, Anita who was also his high school sweetheart. He also enjoys scuba diving, spending time with his four children and three grandchildren and tinkering with computers when time allows. He loves the fact he can work on his own.

During his 30 years of service he earned the following awards: Navy Outstanding Performance Awards in 1989 through 1993; Special Act or Service Awards in 1981, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1991; Beneficial Award in 1986, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Navy Civilian Pin.

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Steve Falls at 11 a.m. today at the Charleston Club in the Wings Bar. For more information, call Master Sgt. Jeff Becker at 963-7336.

Around the base

Steakout: The Top 3 hosts its annual steakout 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the picnic grounds. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased through squadron representatives. For more information, call Master Sgt. Paul DeGroot at 963-7403.

AAH: The African American Heritage council will hold its monthly meeting 11 a.m. today in the Charleston Club.

Charleston Battery: The Charleston Battery invites all military personnel and their families to celebrate Military Appreciation Night 8 p.m. tonight at Blackbaud Stadium, Daniel Island. The game is free with a military ID and tickets can be picked up at the Outdoor Recreation Center, 437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office and 315th Public Affairs office.

Freedom Concert: The Clarion Hotel hosts the 2nd annual Freedom Concert and party 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Clarion Hotel at 7401 Northwoods Blvd. in Charleston. The event is open to all military members and their families. For more information, or to RSVP, call Howard Letts at 572-2200.

AFSA: Chapter 306 of the Air Force Sergeants Association will hold its monthly meeting 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Charleston Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. John Danko at 963-5324 or visit <http://afsa306.org>.

HHC: The Hispanic Heritage Council will hold its first meeting 10 a.m. Thursday in Bldg. 364, Room 2020. They will be planning for Hispanic Heritage Month, and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 1st Lt. Maurice Lawlor at 963-6803.

CAFB Mileage Club: Sign up today for the Fitness Mileage Club and track your fitness participation on the Cooper's E-Log Program. Earn fitness incentive prizes after reach-

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Eric Bryan 437th Services Squadron

Senior Airman Eric Bryan is a fitness specialist and assistant sports director in the Fitness and Sports Center for the 437th Services Squadron. He assists patrons in proper use of exercise equipment and sets up personal training programs. He also handles front counter responsibilities, maintains soccer and softball fields and assists in basketball, racquetball, soccer, softball and football intramural programs.

"I enjoy working with such a high caliber of Airmen and the opportunities it affords me to learn more about my career field," said Airman Bryan.

The Elizabethton, Tenn., native joined the Air Force more than four years ago to serve his country, travel the world and capitalize on the benefits. He has been at Charleston more than four years to include a recent deployment to Iraq.

Airman Bryan plans to make Staff Sgt. and become a recruiter. In his spare time he actively participates in the squadron booster club.

"Airman Bryan currently works at the base fitness center and is a hard-charging fitness specialist," said Master Sgt. Wesley Prillaman, 437 SVS first sergeant. "He recently returned from a 120-day deployment in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is committed to fitness and gives the new Air Force fitness program 110 percent. He has become highly self-motivated and will go far in his endeavors."



Photo by 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern

ing 300, 600, 900 and 1,200 point goals. For more information, call 963-3347.

Educational opportunity: The Family Support Center, in partnership with Trident Technical College, offers free classes to 10 spouses of active duty or activated Reserve members to learn basic computer skills including theory and software applications such as word processing, spreadsheets, Internet, databases and the operating system; business etiquette; professional imaging; and financial management. Classes are Aug 26 through Sept. 25. Deadline to register is June 12. For more information, call 963-4406.

Volunteers needed: Volunteers are needed for the Family Support Center's Airman's Attic, Loan Closet & Food Pantry. Training is provided and volunteers will receive

up to 20 hours of free child care. Your help is desperately needed. For more information, call 963-4406.

Medical training: The Red Cross Medical Assistant Training Program will start its next class on June 21. Students receive classroom training and on-the-job training in healthcare. Students also receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification, course completion certificate and letters of recommendation. For more information, call 963-6743 or 963-6969 or complete an application at the Clinical Medicine Reception Desk.

Marriage seminar: The Family Advocacy Program offers a marriage enrichment class beginning June 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. and running for six consecutive Tuesdays. There is no cost for base personnel and their spouses. To register, call Linda Kingery at 963-6972.

Retiree Day and Information Fair:

Military Retirees & Spouses
Annual Appreciation Day
and Information Fair
8:30 a.m. June 26
Charleston Club

- Tricare for life
- Tour of Flight Line
- Health and Wellness screening
- Static Display
- Legal Aid
- Widow/Widower benefits
- Delta Dental Plan
- Commissary
- AAFES
- Pharmacy/Medical Clinic
- ID card renewal
- Coffee and snacks
- Lunch at Dining Facility
- Door prizes
- Flag ceremony by the Washington Light Infantry and Sumter Guard

Air Force officials approve force shaping Phase II

WASHINGTON – As personnel officials review the last remaining applications for retirement or separation under the force-shaping program, a more extensive second phase of the plan has begun.

The new initiatives include expanded waivers for a number of programs including active-duty service commitments and transferring to the Guard or Reserve through the Palace Chase program. It also includes a few new ones, most notably the return of the career job reservation program.

In addition, Phase II requires commanders to consider a number of quality-force factors when considering Airmen for retention.

The initial goal of force shaping was to have 16,600 Airmen leave the Air Force. Those numbers are projected to increase to almost 19,000 by Sept. 30, and to 24,000 by Sept. 30, 2005, because of record retention rates.

Because of this change, a greater percentage of applications will be approved in Phase II, officials said.

Locally, representatives from Career Assistance, Reenlistments, Separations, and Air Force Reserve Recruiting will brief Airmen on the force shaping initiatives 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and at the same times Thursday and June 11 at the base theater. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Justin Long at 963-4504. **(Air Force Print News)**

Air Force approves GWOT Expeditionary Medal

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER – The Air Force has authorized wear of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal approved by President Bush last year.

To qualify, an individual must have been assigned or attached to a unit in OEF/OIF and served 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days in one of the following specific geographic areas: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bulgaria (Bourgas), Crete, Cyprus, Diego Garcia, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Romania (Constanta), Saudi Arabia, Somalia,

Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey (east of 35 degrees east latitude), Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yemen, that portion of the Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude, Bab el Mandeb, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Aqaba, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Suez, that portion of the Mediterranean Sea east of 28 degrees east longitude, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Strait of Hormuz, and the Suez Canal.

For more information, call the military personnel flight at 963-6375. **(Air Force Print News)**

Program seeks foreign language, area experts

WASHINGTON – People with international skills are becoming more valuable to many organizations, and the Air Force is no exception.

The foreign area officer program

develops line officers with certain skills used by the Air Force and Department of Defense in positions where they are needed, said Lt. Col. Mike Nolte, chief of the FAO program.

“The Air Force program relies on these people expressing an interest in applying to the program voluntarily, and then the FAO program takes those who meet some minimum qualifications and tries to give them short-duration training they can do on a primarily permissive (temporary-duty) basis,” Colonel Nolte said.

For more information contact the military personnel flight at 963-4536. **(Air Force Print News)**

DOD begins Tricare Retail Pharmacy

WASHINGTON – Department of Defense officials announced

June 1 the new Tricare Retail Pharmacy contract takes effect for Tricare beneficiaries located in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

The contract has about 53,000 civilian pharmacies in the nationwide network.

The benefit is now portable. Beneficiaries traveling outside of their designated Tricare region who need to fill a prescription are no longer required to pay the full prescription price or file a Tricare claim to get reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses when they use a Tricare retail network pharmacy.

To locate a network pharmacy, use the Tricare pharmacy locator service available online at www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE, or call (866) 363-8779. **(Air Force Print News)**

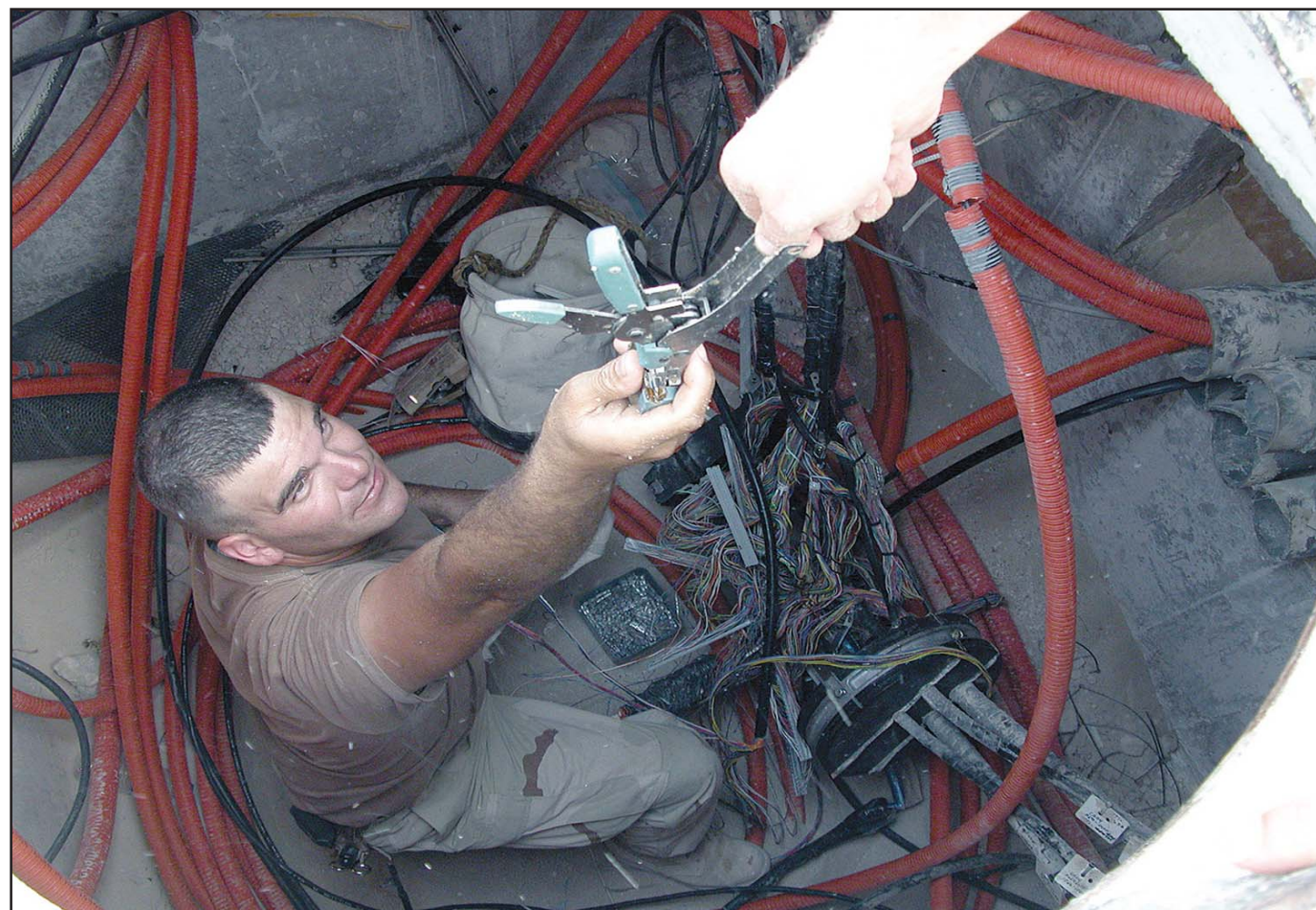


Photo by Senior Airman Wes Auldridge

A helping hand

Senior Airman Jered Smither, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, grabs a pair of wire crimpers to splice phone cables together at a forward-deployed location.

ONE INSTALLATION, ONE MAP

By 2nd Lt. Bryan Lewis
437 AW Public Affairs

Where is Bldg. 1990?

Every desktop on base can not only lead airmen to Bldg. 1990, or any other base facility, but can also give its square footage, address, aerial view, description, elevation and distance from any other point on base.

The ability to get mapping information for Charleston AFB is part of the GeoBase computer application available on Team Charleston's internal Web site.

"GeoBase is an Air Force program that allows anyone on base to have computerized mapping at the click of a mouse," said Jason Mann, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron GeoBase program manager. "All bases will have the same basic format. However, functionality will be different depending on each base's needs."

An example of a unique Charleston AFB GeoBase feature is the ability to view wetlands on base.

The vision of the program is to have one installation, one map, said Mr. Mann.

"Each unit on base can now link its available data into the program," said Mr. Mann. "This allows everyone to access the same information as it relates to mapping."

Not only can units share information, but the system can create special maps for specific unit events.

"We created a map specifically for the air show," said Mr. Mann. "It included information like entry and exit points, parking, and the location of different booths."

The GeoBase program

has active layers that allow users to query the map for specific information.

"When a layer is activated, users can access information by clicking on the map," said Mr. Mann. "For example, if someone wants to know a building's square footage, he can simply click the information tool and then click the building they are querying. The building's information will immediately appear."

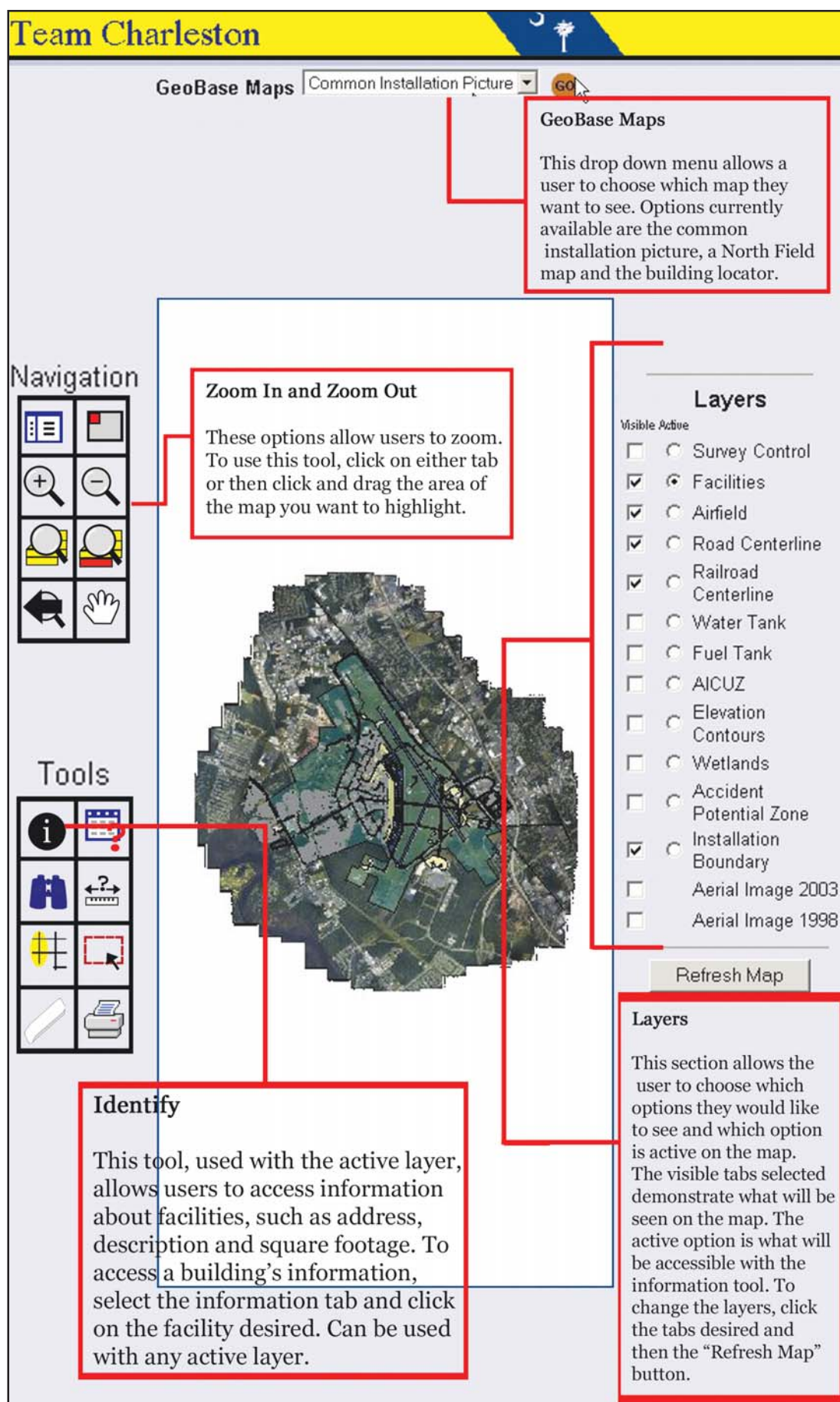
The site has 14 different layers including aerial images, survey control and boundaries. It also has an active North Field map and a building locator option that allows users to type in a building number to find a certain location.

The program is a work in progress, said Mr. Mann. As Team Charleston's needs grow, so will GeoBase options.

"The potential of (GeoBase) is unlimited," said Lt. Col. Kyle Hicks, 437 CES commander. "(In the future) the fire department can call up a facility en-route to an emergency and have a floor plan, know the exit locations, the type of sprinkler system, and, most importantly, what type, if any, hazardous materials are used in the facility. Additionally, (first responders) could zoom in on drainage ditches in the event of a fuel spill and easily locate water valves in case of a major water break."

So where is Bldg. 1990?

Airmen can find out by visiting <https://private.charleston.amc.af.mil/globemaster> and clicking on the "GeoBase" button. For additional information about the program, call Mr. Mann at 963-5017.



Graphic by Staff Sgt. Rachel Hauser

The ability to get mapping information and images for Charleston AFB is part of the GeoBase computer application available on Team Charleston's internal Web site, <https://private.charleston.amc.af.mil/globemaster>.

BASE HONOR GUARD

Airman 1st Class Taylor Johnson 437th Civil Engineer Squadron

Job: Pavement and heavy equipment operator

Time in Air Force: 2.3 years

Time in Honor Guard: one year

Why did you join honor guard? I thought performing details for those who fought for our freedom was an honor I wanted to be a part of.

What do you do in honor guard? We perform color and funeral details and retirement ceremonies.

Favorite part of honor guard? My favorite part about honor guard is the leadership experience and representing the Air Force and Team Charleston.

Most memorable moment in honor guard: My most memorable experience was a repatriation funeral for a Staff Sgt. helicopter crew member who died in the Vietnam War and they found his remains last November.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive
Office: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Phone: 963-2536.

After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

Catholic Services: *Saturday* - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. Daily Mass is from 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Protestant Services: *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service. *Wednesday* - noon Protestant Bible Study.

For information on other faith groups, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

Movie schedule

Admission: 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to the start of the movie, unless otherwise noted.

Movie schedules are provided by AAFES.



Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

Today, 7:30 p.m.
"Johnson Family Vacation" – Vanessa Williams

Invited to a big family reunion in Missouri, Nate sees it as an opportunity to reconnect with his estranged wife and growing children. He imagines a leisurely drive, but between his weary wife, arguing kids, angry police officers, bizarre hitchhikers, bad diner food and an unfortunate run-in with a cement mixer, getting from point A to point B proves to be just short of a nightmare. **(PG-13) 97 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
"The Punisher" – John Travolta

A FBI undercover agent, Castle, is finally moving into a safe desk job to the delight of his wife and son. However, when his family is executed after witnessing a mafia hit, Castle dons a black battle suit, arms himself with a ton of guns and seeks swift revenge. **(R) 124 minutes**

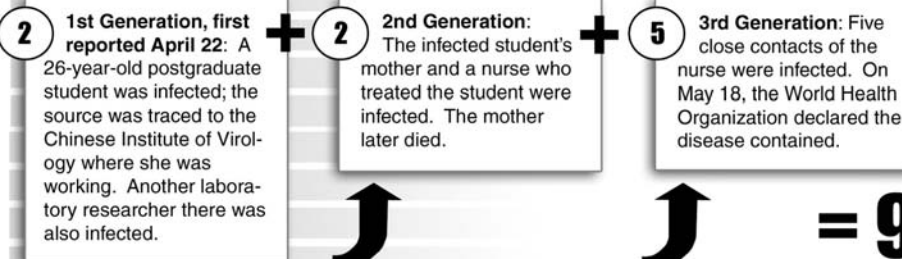
June 11, 7:30 p.m.
"Envy" – Jack Black
(PG-13) 99 minutes

WELLNESS TIP

Deadly Cycle

The recent outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in China was traced to the Chinese Institute of Virology

NINE CASES OF SARS REPORTED IN APRIL OUTBREAK ...



The impact on Air Mobility Command operations and personnel includes increased SARS surveillance at Asian airports. There is no public health concern for AMC family members due to this SARS outbreak in China.

SOURCE: AMC Command Surgeon Office

InfoGraphic by Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond

Armed Forces Tournament

All-Army takes gold



By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

All-Army defeated All-Air Force 95-89 to win the gold medal in the 2004 Men's Armed Forces Basketball Championships here Monday.

Charleston hosted the service all-stars in the May 26-31 double round-robin tournament.

With only three players returning from its 2003 silver medal squad and seven newcomers, All-Army went 6-0 to capture its third title in the last four years.

"I'm ecstatic to come in here with an inexperienced team, go 6-0 and win the gold," said All-Army coach Babe Kwasniak. "It was a great game between two great teams and the game could have gone either way.

"We want to dedicate this championship to our guys that are deployed," added Coach Kwasniak. "We beat the Air Force in their house. That's pretty sweet."

The All-Army coach said conditioning was critical to his team's success in the tournament.

"We practiced three times a day in the high altitude at Ft. Carson, Colo.," said Coach Kwasniak. "They could not wear us out. My guys can run forever.

"If you make the practices hard, then the games are easy. My philosophy is play hard, smart and together."

The team's cohesiveness was also a key to winning the title, he said.

All-Army sported to a 5-0 record including a 80-77 win over All-Air Force to set up their championship match Monday at the Fitness and Sports Center Hurricane Court. All-Air Force (4-1) needed to beat All-Army by four points to win its first gold medal since their 2000 tournament title here.

All-Army jumped out to a 20-8 lead in the first five minutes with its run-and-gun offense and swarming defense which caused several of its 23 turnovers. The All-AF team, which coach

Mark Watley from Hill AFB, Utah called his most talented in the last five years, finally settled down for a 18-9 run of its own to cut the Army lead to three with nine minutes left. Using its superior quickness, All-Army increased the lead to 44-35 with three and a half minutes left before a 9-1 Air Force run cut it to one at 45-44 as the first half ended.

"We played our worst first half of the tournament and were down by only one point to the best team," Coach Watley told his team at half time. "We need to play tighter defense on Ronald Bartley and Eric Draper and cut down on their open looks."

In the second half the fired up All-AF behind guard Tyron Wright from Whiteman AFB, Mo., and forward Edward Simpson, Randolph AFB, Texas pushed its lead to 69-63 with 11 minutes to go.

"We didn't capitalize on some turnovers and they did," said Coach Watley. "Instead of being up 12 points they hit some three pointers and we were tied."

During this time Wright picked up two quick fouls including his fourth and went to the bench with Air Force nursing a 69-65 lead.

Army tied the game at 74 and then 6-9 forward Bernard James from Beale AFB, Calif., grabbed a rebound, dribbled the length of the court and slammed a dunk to give the host team a 76-74 lead. When Wright, Air Force's leading scorer, returned to the game saddled with four fouls, it was knotted at 77.

Six-foot Air Force guard Cornelius Young from Langley AFB, Va. took off just inside the free throw line and soared over Army defenders for a dunk off the fast break to give Air Force a 79-77 advantage. Moments later Army 6-6 center Eloï Perry from Manheim, Germany, as James relentlessly pounded the offensive glass.

Army capitalized on Air Force turnovers and increased its lead to 89-83 with 1:21 left. Tyron

Wright, an all-tournament selection, fouled out with 1:16 on an offensive charging call.

Wright fouling out was the turning point of the game said Coach Kwasniak. "I knew it would be hard for Air Force to play without his leadership."

All-Army sank six free throws in the final minute to win the title. Kwasniak, who was coaching his last tournament, fittingly cut down the net.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

All-Army guard Eric Draper attempts a shot over All-Air Force guard Cornelius Young during the Armed Forces Tournament championship game Monday. All-Army won the game 95-89.

Sports Shorts

Fitness and Sports Center – New hours are 4:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. holidays.

Base Pool – The base pool is closed Monday; open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 963-5271.

Intramural Soccer – The base intramural soccer tournament is underway at the field behind the Youth Center. Call the Fitness and Sports Center at 963-3347 for the tournament schedule.

Intramural Softball – Games are held at the base softball fields 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday through Thursday. The regular season is scheduled to end in July.